



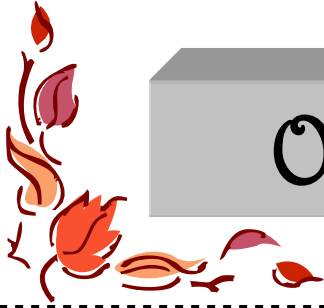
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October 2019 Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Thank you is the best prayer that anyone could say.

I say that one a lot.

Thank you expresses extreme gratitude, humility and understanding.

~Alice Walker~

The autumn season is with us. We have all settled back into the routines of school and extra- curricular activities. There is nothing more pleasant than an autumn day, with the leaves changing colours to orange, golden yellows and scarlet red. The birds are preparing for their travel south. Enjoy the crunch of the leaves beneath your feet and be thankful for the many blessings you have.

May the Bounty of the Season fill your Heart and Home!

God Bless

Miss Gilbert

Parents

Please remember to call the School when your child will be absent or arriving late ~ it is very time-consuming to be tracking down students every morning to enquire of their whereabouts.

There are children who arrive late every morning ~ which not only disrupts the classroom, but also prevents your child from participating in Morning Prayer, and hearing school announcements.

Please have your child at School by 8:45 a.m. to ensure they are present for the entire school day!



Has your phone number changed?

Does the School Office have all your current phone numbers?

If an emergency occurs involving your child, we can only attempt to reach you at the numbers you have provided on your child's Registration Form. Because of this, we ask that you please advise the School Office ***immediately*** if these numbers change during the school year.

Thank you!

Family Halloween Dress-Up and Dance

Friday, October 25th

7:00 to 10:00 pm

There will be games, canteen and
a silent auction.

Tickets are \$6 per person (2 years &
under free).

All children must be accompanied by an
adult.

TICKETS MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED IN
ORDER TO PREPARE FOR EXACT
NUMBER OF "GOBLINS"!

TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE
DOOR.

Silent auction prizes and mini-chocolates
for prizes will be accepted until
Wednesday, October 23rd.

Thank you for your support in this fun evening!

We will have a spook-tacular time!

LOOK FOR
INFORMATION
COMING SOON
REGARDING
OUR NEXT
FUNDRAISER:

**PEAK OF
THE MARKET**

PARENT ASSOCIATION

All Parents are
members of the
Parent Association. If
you attend meetings
you are able to help
organize fundraisers
and events run by the
Parent Association.

Our first meeting
is Wednesday,
October 9th at
6:30 p.m. in the
library.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

If your child is preparing to
receive the Sacraments of
Reconciliation and
First Communion (Gr. 2) or
Confirmation (Gr.6) at
St. Gerard Parish please
contact the parish office at
204-667-0523 for
information.

YEARBOOK

Yearbook
information
for 2019-2020
school year
will be sent
home shortly.

The School is again reminding all our families to please follow
our "road safety" rules to ensure our children are safely
dropped off and picked up from school:

- ▶ The lane is ONE WAY from Foster to Grey streets during morning drop off and afternoon pick up.
- ▶ We thank our families for following the signage that indicates the area in front of our back lane door is a "No Stopping / No Drop-Off" area. For the safety of our children – please park in an open parking spot against the gym wall when dropping off or picking up your child. (NOTE: the spots against the school wall that are "numbered" are for STAFF ONLY. As there are minimal spots available for our staff's use, please refrain from parking or stopping in these stalls at any time.)
DO NOT STOP OR PARK YOUR VEHICLE ON OUR NEIGHBOUR'S PROPERTY!
- ▶ Many of our families are stopping/parking "hugged" up against the garages/fences situated along the school's back lane. These areas are not school or public property – therefore, our families should be respecting the property of the home owner. Let's practice and encourage "healthy living lifestyles" with our children by walking the short distance!
- ▶ The 2 handicapped parking spaces located near the gym entrance are to be used by vehicles with designated handicapped stickers only PLEASE.
- ▶ **Please do not park in the School Bus Loading Zone on Foster Street (as indicated on the street signs).**

Let's be respectful of each other – as we ask our children to be.



REMINDER: Please be aware of the reduced speed zone by the school on both Talbot and Foster. The speed zone is set at 30 km/h and is in force Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. during September to June. It is for the safety of your children that the City of Winnipeg has enforced this speed zone.

COMMUNICATION

For families with two or more children - newsletters and school handouts are normally sent home with the youngest child, (unless your child is in Pre-K), so please check your "Youngest or Only" child's backpack DAILY. Often, notes are sent home which require a time-sensitive response.



REMEMBER ...

Activity Fees, Building Fees,
Bus Fees (Sept. & Oct.)
Tuition (Sept. & Oct.) should now
be paid.

STORM



VOLLEYBALL

Yes, another year of STORM sports has begun and our students are preparing for the upcoming volleyball season. We have a boys' Competitive team and girls' Competitive team. We are blessed once again to have great coaches. Coaching the boys' team is Mrs. Van Helvert, and coaching the girls' team are Mr. Moore & Mr. Hughes.

League play begins Sept. 30th and you can catch all the up to date results by visiting www.mcsaa.ca.

It is each player's responsibility to ensure that they have advised their parents of game days, and have coordinated transportation requirements prior to game day. Players who are car pooling with teammates should have all arrangements and parental approval done the evening before games. Parents, please do not call the School Office on game days and ask: "Does my child have a ride to the game?"

Dismissal time remains at 3:25. Players must bring all necessary clothing and equipment with them.

PLAYERS ARE NOT TO BE CALLING PARENTS ON GAME DAYS FOR RIDES, JERSEYS, FOOTWEAR, ETC.

We thank all parents for their support and help in enforcing these guidelines – we're teaching our children to be responsible to their commitments!

STUDENTS WHO WISH TO REMAIN AT SCHOOL ON GAME DAYS TO CHEER ON THE "STORM"
MUST BRING A NOTE FROM PARENTS GRANTING THEM PERMISSION TO STAY - DO NOT PHONE THE SCHOOL WITH "VERBAL"
PERMISSION.

(SCHOOL BUS STUDENTS: PARENTS MUST CONTACT MRS. WONG TO INFORM HER OF SIBLINGS NOT GOING HOME ON THE BUS)

BOY'S COMPETITIVE
VOLLEYBALL TEAM:

Gurnawaz	Amar
Ishmeet	Cedrick
Mihr	Sumure
Sened	Jim Boy
Sila	Settimo
Braydin	

GIRL'S COMPETITIVE
VOLLEYBALL TEAM:

Princess	Martha
Elena	Maryam
Starlyn	Cheska
Lorraine	Zaira
Olivia	Kiziah
Aliyah	

Mon Sept 30	St. Gerard	@	St. Alphonsus
Wed Oct 2	Holy Cross	@	St. Gerard
Wed Oct 16	St. Gerard	@	John Brebeuf
Mon Oct 21	West Gate	@	St. Gerard
Mon Oct 28	St. Charles	@	St. Gerard
Mon Nov 4	St. Gerard	@	Linden Christian
Mon Nov 18	St. Gerard	@	St. Ignatius
Wed Nov 20	OLV	@	St. Gerard

Mon Sept 30	Holy Cross	@	St. Gerard
Mon Oct 7	Christ the King	@	St. Gerard
Wed Oct 16	Linden Christian	@	St. Gerard
Mon Oct 28	St. Gerard	@	OLV
Mon Nov 4	St. Gerard	@	St. Charles
Wed Nov 6	St. Emile	@	St. Gerard
Wed Nov 13	St. Gerard	@	St. Maurice
Mon Nov 18	St. Gerard	@	Holy Ghost

UPDATE : SHOW & SAVE MOBILE APP

We have received an extension for our 2019 Fundraiser Sale of Show & Save Apps. We will continue to accept orders until Tuesday, October 15 either through the school office or on-line at showandsave.com using our online ordering Fundraising Code: 7ZGKK.

Thank you to those who have already purchased apps.



WINE RAFFLE

Information regarding the Parent Association wine basket raffle has been sent home. Donations of wine can be dropped off at the school office during school hours up to Friday, October 18th. Raffle tickets will be sent home shortly after with the draw taking place at the Christmas Concert on December 18th.

Thank you for your participation.

MABEL'S LABELS

St. Gerard's Parent Association has started a year-long fundraiser with Mabel's Labels. Information has been sent home.

Many of our families have begun volunteering at various school venues...thank you!



Please remember: It is each family's responsibility to ensure their volunteer hours are logged on the "Volunteer Cash Back Program" record sheet and verified with an authorized signature. (Record sheets can be obtained from the School Office.)

Begin logging your hours after completion of your first volunteer project/event. Keep the record with you, and bring it along to every event you are volunteering at. When you have completed submit your family's record to the School Office to have your pre-paid volunteer fee returned.

If your volunteer sheet are not submitted to the Office PRIOR to the end of each schedule - the Office assumes your hours have NOT been completed and your cheque WILL BE cashed.

If you have any questions regarding the *Volunteer Cash Back Program*, please contact the school.

Minimum Terminal Protection Guidelines
SHIPPING IN CALL2RECYCLE BOXES

BATTERY TYPE / CHEMISTRY

Terminal protection required



Rechargeable Batteries
Lithium Ion (Li-Ion)
Small Seated Lead Acid (SSLA/Pb)

Primary Batteries
Lithium
Alkaline (over 12v)
Button/Coin Cell



Terminal Protection not required (drop in the box)



Rechargeable Batteries
Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd)
Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH)
Nickel Zinc (Ni-Zn)



Primary Batteries
Alkaline (under 12v)
Carbon Zinc

Recycle Box



TERMINAL PROTECTION

Protect terminals before shipping
How to Bag or Tape a Battery



Place the battery into a clear plastic bag

- Call2Recycle-provide bags
- Product bags
- Newspaper bags
- Ziploc bags *Clear Bags

If non bags are available, tape the positive (+) terminal with a non-conductive tape.

- Clear packing tape
- Electrical tape
- Duct tape

(No masking tape, no painter's tape, No Scotch tape. Do not cover chemistry label). **CALL2RECYCLE RECOMMENDS THE BATTERY BE INDIVIDUALLY BAGGED OR TAPED.**

- ❖ **DAMAGED BATTERIES:** Special Transport Canada-approved packaging for shipment required contact Customer Service at 1-888-224-9764 for assistance.
- ❖ Call2Recycle boxes should be shipped when full (25kg) or within one year of the collection of the first battery.
- ❖ Display the Call2Recycle collection box in a cool, dry place and where it is under supervision.

CHARGE UP SAFETY – call2recycle.ca/safety

Avoid the spark!

Battery terminals that touch metal surfaces or other batteries can spark, causing a fire or explosion.